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Subject: FW: Strategic Update - Freedom Convoy 2022 - Update

Deputy, Maria and Rick, for your awareness and further to yesterday's report – as per below,

The information in this report is current to 2022-01-22 at 1430 hours.

- A social media post indicates that the Ottawa Police Service will be stopping all transport trucks that are not delivering goods to the City of Ottawa, and that Prime Minister TRUDEAU has requested support from CANADIAN ARMED FORCES BASE PETAWAWA for "Sunday night". We infer that this refers to 2022-01-23. The post encourages convoy participants to drive to Ottawa "now". **The OPP has confirmed with the Ottawa Police Service that this information is false.**
- Some online messaging is advocating for Freedom Convoy participants to attend the homes of Liberal Party members in Ottawa, the Prime Minister's residence on Sussex Drive, and his summer residence in Harrington Lake (Gatineau).
- The GO FUND ME supporting the Freedom Convoys has raised \$1.5 million (2022-01-22 1430).
- A separate fundraiser ("ADOPT A TRUCKER") on the crowdfunding site "GiveSendGo.com" has raised \$11,200 (2022-01-22 1430).
- A Facebook Event page for the Freedom Convoy event at Parliament Hill on 2022-01-29 indicates that 247 individuals are "Going" and 492 are "Interested" (2022-01-22 1447 hours).
- Separate from the Freedom Convoys, the OPP PLT reported that rolling protests of private vehicles in East Region in support of "WORLD WIDE FREEDOM 6" this morning were smaller than anticipated and occurred without incident.

ASSESSMENT

The online claim that police may be stopping trucks from entering Ottawa and that the military may be called upon to assist could result in increased participation in, and support for, the Freedom Convoys. False claims such as this could exacerbate tensions and encourage convoy participants or supporters to engage in acts of extremism or violence against government assets, public officials, and law enforcement. It is unknown why the author of the noted message posted it on social media. The possibility that this was done for the purpose of provocation cannot be excluded.

It is also possible that these claims on social media could motivate protests in support of the convoys at the local level that could occur spontaneously or with little warning.

The fact that attendance at today's events was smaller than estimated should not be taken as an indicator that the number of people participating in the Freedom Convoy will be small. **The number of potential participants and supporters who may participate in the Freedom Convoys and the protest in Ottawa is unknown.** Online claims of current or anticipated convoy sizes are of unknown reliability. Online indicators of individuals attending are also unreliable.

TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- It is unclear if the closing of the convoy Facebook page is an attempt at insulation from law enforcement.
- All communication from national organizers will be delivered through Road Captains who are to establish communication networks within their own groups. FREEDOM CONVOY participants have been advised to download the "ZELLO" app, allowing for communications via cell phone mimicking two-way radio.

- Delivery of fuel through Federated Co-Op has been arranged for Regina and Winnipeg; refueling will occur roadside via slow-roll pit stop. Estimated costs are between \$170,000 and \$250,000 per refueling stop, paid directly from the Go Fund Me page.
- Organizers in Ottawa are referred to as the “War Room”.
- Port-a-potties, fencing, and security has been arranged for Ottawa.
- National organizer from Alberta will be travelling with a command post, media and security detail.
- Organizers have been liaising with law enforcement in Regina, Saskatchewan (RCMP); Winnipeg, Manitoba, and OPP in Ontario.
- One organizer has claimed that 1 million individuals and 10,000 trucks will attend Ottawa.
- One social media influencer alleges that 36,000 trucks will attend Ottawa.
- Convoys are to depart BC on 2022-01-22 and Alberta on 2022-01-23.

EVENT SCHEDULE

2022-01-22

- **Ottawa:** World Wide Rally for Freedom 6.0 – convoys will be departing from Odessa and Pembroke, OPP are engaged with organizers.
- **Kapuskasing: Freedom Convoy Solidarity Demonstration** – Kapuskasing Train Station (1100-1900 hours) in support of the truck drivers. **OPP PLT reported participant numbers as 30 people at 1408 hours and no issues.** The OPP remains engaged.
- **Whitby:** World Wide Rally for Freedom 6.0 – 605 Rossland Road East (1200-1500 hours).
- **Sudbury: First Greater Sudbury and Area Convoy for Rights and Freedoms – approximately 100 vehicles attended this event. The organizer claimed that the Freedom Convoy in BC was 3.5 kilometres long: this information is unconfirmed.**

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- **Kapuskasing: Freedom Convoy Solidarity Demonstration** – Kapuskasing Train Station (1200-1500 hours) in support of truck drivers. Participants attending in vehicles: organizers indicate plans to block one lane of traffic on the road in front of the train station and are expecting supporters from Cochrane, Timmins and Hearst. Number of participants unknown.
- **Muskoka – Huntsville:** Freedom Convoy Slow Roll – Huntsville Place Mall (1200 hours) to Gravenhurst and back
- **Belleville: Freedom Convoy Solidarity Slow Roll, 10 Acres Truck Stop on Wallbridge (1100-1300 hours).**
 - Route start and finish are same location - route as follows:
 - South on Wallbridge-Loyalist Road,
 - East on Hwy 2 (Dundas),
 - North onto Pinnacle Street and onto North Front Street (by 1200 hours),
 - West onto Bell Blvd return to the 10 Acres Truck Stop.
 - At least one confirmed participant (organizer)
 - Travel at speeds 10 and 15km/hr
 - Organizer has contacted the Belleville Police Service.
 - The convoy will be in OPP jurisdiction travelling down Wallbridge Loyalist Road and then a portion of the west end of Bell Blvd.
- **Toronto** – Freedom Convoy Solidarity Slow Roll – Jurassic Park at Scotiabank Arena (1130 hours). This event coincides with other local actions and could affect traffic on the Lakeshore, Gardiner Expressway, Don Valley Parkway, and other main roadways in surrounding areas. The Toronto Police Service is engaged.

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Background

A nationwide campaign ("Truckers Slow Roll Across Canada") has been organized amongst anti-mandate truckers to slow down highway traffic across Canada beginning January 23, 2022. The campaign has been organized in response to the federal mandate that took effect January 15, 2022 requiring all commercial truck drivers entering Canada to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. The intent of these actions is to impede the movement of traffic and goods in Canada, and possibly disrupt the business of government at the provincial and federal levels in order to compel the Canadian to left COVID-19 mandates and restrictions.

Slow-rolling blockades on major Canadian highways, including at or near border points have been designated by organizers as "FREEDOM CONVOY 2022" and "OPERATION BEARHUG". Aside from the planned, main convoy activity, truck drivers are also encouraged to park their trucks wherever they happen to be in order to impede traffic and the movement of goods, conduct smaller slow-rolling protests at border crossings or to conduct local "mini convoys" for drivers who are not able to join the convoy to Ottawa.

Information indicates that some organizers are promoting the event as a safe, lawful, and peaceful protest, while other individuals appear to be advocating aggressive tactics, including potentially blocking Parliament Hill once they reach Ottawa or "locking down" government buildings by parking their trucks outside provincial government buildings for extended periods of time.

A GoFundMe page created to solicit and process financial donations to support convoy participants has raised almost \$571,000 since January 15, 2022.

Estimates vary on the actual number of drivers that will be unable to transit the Canada-US border as a result of the vaccination mandate. Open source notes the federal mandate affects upwards of 10% of the 120,000 Canadian truckers who traverse the US-Canada border. The Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) estimates 22,000 drivers may leave the industry. According to an anonymous survey conducted by the Private Motor Truck Council of Canada (PMTTC), a lobby group for the trucking industry, 31,000 truckers could leave the industry as a result of the mandate. PMTTC has expressed support for vaccination mandates and has advocated for an implementation delay until Spring 2022.

The CTA issued a statement condemning trucking protests that disrupted the Canada-US border crossing in Emerson, Manitoba on January 17, 2022. In the statement, the CTA expressed its strong disapproval of protests on public roadways, highways and bridges that interfere with public safety.

Assessment

The noted convoys commencing January 23, 2022 may disrupt the movement of vehicular traffic and goods in Ontario and strain the capacity of law enforcement in the province. Supporters of the initiative may impede vehicular traffic at the local level. Online indicators of attendance for the event may be inflated with fewer people actually participating, however the success of fundraising initiatives associated with the convoy indicate supporters are financially invested. This suggests that these convoys could see a greater proportion of the online support translate into real-life support than might otherwise be expected.

Industry associations and trucking companies appear to be broadly opposed to the planned blockades. Fear of the consequences of misusing company trucks for convoy or blockade activity, or of extended absences from work in order to participate in the activities may serve to suppress attendance. The ability of trucking companies to monitor the location of their trucks to address misuse is varied and could be further limited if protestors opt to participate in their personal vehicles.

Updates continue to be provided through provincial-wide joint intelligence groups. The Ontario Provincial Police is coordinating information and awareness to potentially affected jurisdictions.

Expected Convoy Routes in Ontario:

Kenora to Thunder Bay – January 26, 2022:

- Departing Kenora 0900 hrs
- Scheduled stop in Ignace (1200 hrs)
- Arriving Thunder Bay 1600 hrs

Thunder Bay to Sault Ste. Marie – January 27, 2022:

- Departing Thunder Bay 0700 hrs
- Scheduled stops in Terrance Bay (0830 hrs); Wawa (1530 hrs)
- Arriving Sault Ste. Marie 1900 hrs

Sault Ste. Marie to Arnprior – January 28, 2022:

- Departing Sault Ste Marie 0600 hrs
- Scheduled stops in Blind River (0800 hrs); Sudbury (1030 hrs); North Bay (1300 hrs); Pembroke (1630 hrs)
- Arriving Arnprior 1800 hrs

Arnprior to Ottawa – 2022-01-29:

Departing Arnprior 1100 hrs
Arriving Ottawa 1200 hrs

Windsor to Kingston – January 28, 2022:

- Departing Windsor at 0530 hrs
- Scheduled stops in Chatham (0630 hrs); London (0800 hrs); Drumbo (1000 hrs); Port Hope (1400 hrs)
- Arriving Kingston 1700 hrs

Sarnia to Kingston – January 28, 2022:

- Departing Sarnia 0700 hrs
- Scheduled stops in London (0800 hrs); Drumbo (1000 hrs); Port Hope (1400 hrs)
- Arriving Kingston 1700 hrs

Fort Erie to Kingston – January 28, 2022:

- Departing Fort Erie 0730 hrs
- Scheduled stops in “Niagara” 1 (0800 hrs); Hamilton (0930 hrs); Port Hope (1400 hrs)
- Arriving Kingston 1700 hrs

Toronto to Kingston – January 28, 2022:

- Departing Toronto 1200 hrs
- Scheduled stops in Port Hope (1400 hrs)
- Arriving Kingston (1700 hrs)

Kingston to Ottawa – January 29, 2022:

- Departing Kingston 0830 hrs
- Scheduled stop in Spencerville (1000 hrs)
- Arriving Ottawa 1200 hrs

Cornwall to Ottawa – January 29, 2022:

- Departing Cornwall 1000 hrs
- Arriving Ottawa 1200 hrs

Vankleek Hill to Ottawa – January 29, 2022:

- Departing Vankleek Hill 1030 hrs
- Arriving Ottawa 1200 hrs

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